AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

(currently amended): A process for coating a belt cord with rubber, comprising:
aligning a plurality of belt cords each made of a steel filament as a cord unit;
arranging a plurality of such cord units in parallel to each other at a given pitch in the
same plane by passing the cord units through an inserter, wherein the inserter is fixedly secured
within an insulator head; and

passing the cord units through an insulation system, which includes the insulator head, in an under a movement of the cord in its axial direction of the cords immediately after the arrangement of these cord units are arranged in line by the inserter.

- 2. (original): A process according to claim 1, wherein a filament diameter of the belt cord is within a range of 0.18-0.35 mm.
- 3. (original): A process according to claim 1, wherein a gauge of the uncured coating rubber including the belt cord is within a range of 0.5-1.2 mm.
- 4. (withdrawn): An apparatus for coating belt cords with rubber comprising an insulator head arranged on a top of a cylinder provided with a screw in an extruder for an uncured rubber, an inserter arranged in the insulator head for guiding plural belt cords so as to pass them at a required relative posture, and a die for coating the belt cords after the pass through the inserter with an uncured rubber supplied from the cylinder at a required outer profile shape.

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- 5. (withdrawn): An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein a pressure sensor for the uncured rubber is arranged in the insulator head.
- 6. (withdrawn): An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the inserter is provided with plural holes each passing a plurality of belt cords as a cord unit and specifying the relative posture of these cords every the cord unit.